

REMARKS

According to the Office Action, claims 1, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, claim 1 is amended to more clearly point out that the claimed method is performed by a station and/or access point, depending on a type of WLAN architecture (see page 1, lines 9 – 17). The support for this amendment can be found, for example, in Figures 2A and 2B coupled with page 4, line 25 through page 5, line 5 of the instant specification. No new matter had been added.

Clearly each of the limitations in claim 1 – as well as claims 7, 9, 11, 13 and 23 by virtue of their dependency from claim 1 – is tied to a machine (a station and/or access point). Therefore, claim 1 fully complies with section 101 of 35 USC. Clearly, it can't be seriously contended that claim 1, its presently amended form, is still directed to non-statutory subject matter. In view of this amendment, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 7, 9, 11, 13 and 23 are also in full compliance with 35 USC 101 by virtue of their dependency from claim 1.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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